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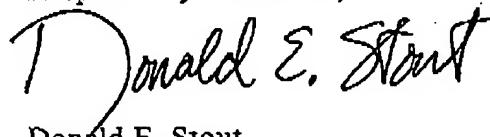
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-8 have been amended, and claims 3-4 and 11-16 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 5-10, and 17 are now pending in the application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 4 is objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and that claim 17 is allowed. Responsive to this indication, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3 and 4, and is thus allowable. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled, as have been rejected claims 11-16. Claims 5-8 have been amended to depend upon allowed claim 17. Thus, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, and submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early notification of same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below, should any further questions or issues need to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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